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Docket No.: **273102007800**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Hans BOEHRINGER, et al.

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For: QUANTITATIVE LATERAL FLOW  
ASSAYS AND DEVICES

Examiner: C. Chin

Group Art Unit: 1641

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003, for which a response is due on January 27, 2004. Accordingly, this response is considered timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.